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Letter dated 1 March 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan wishes to become a member of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Republic of Azerbaijan has always been fully committed to the aims of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The Republic of Azerbaijan is a party to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951 and the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees of 1967. From 1999 to 2007, Azerbaijan was a Standing Committee observer.

The Republic of Azerbaijan is dedicated to the improvement of the situation of refugees through international and regional cooperation, as well as at the national level. Azerbaijan has demonstrated a strong interest in and devotion to the solution of the problems of refugees and internally displaced persons both internationally and nationally.

The Republic of Azerbaijan stands ready to cooperate fully with all members of the Executive Committee in order to find constructive solutions to the challenges facing the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

To this end, the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan hopes that the Economic and Social Council will give favourable consideration to this request and make a recommendation to the General Assembly to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee.

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